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1. On 28 November 1951, Major Yakushin (fnu), supply officer of the 100-mm AT artillery regiment in the restricted Weisse Stadt area, Oranienburg (N 52/Z 67), was seen leaving the billeting area with four other officers carrying baggage, from Major Tukhanov (phonetic spelling) (fnu) who succeeded Major Yakushin (fnu) that the officers were returning to Moscow. On 1 December, the German manager of the PX in mess building No 10 was ordered to turn over the PX to a Russian. A truck mounting a rod antenna 6 to 7 meters high stood between buildings No 6 and 7, with a lead wire running from the antenna to building No 7. [ ] learned that Lieutenant Colonel Knochkov (fnu), commanding officer of a 76.2-mm AT artillery regiment, returned to the U.S.S.R. on 28 November for reassignment. (1)

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2. [ ] that Lieutenant Colonel Krishenka (spelling) (fnu), commanding officer of the unit in the Oranienburg Castle, and Major Zalogin (fnu), the unit's supply officer, would soon leave for the U.S.S.R. for reassignment. Zalogin's successor had already arrived. On 6 December, 80 to 100 recruits practiced saluting in the meadow adjoining the municipal castle. A Soviet radio station was located in the Haus der Jugend at the athletic field north of the castle. Trucks [ ] were identified in the yard of the castle on 6 December. (2) On 3 December, source determined that the former Eicke Villa at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp had been converted into a military hospital. (3)

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4. The billeting area of the Panzer Schule was separated from that of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp only by a wide concrete road. The buildings of the concentration camp included low wooden EI quarters, a hospital, workshops, a motion picture theatre, a laundry, an electric shop, mess halls, a kitchen and a bakery. Troops were seen drilling with seven 152-mm artillery pieces. Colonel Gruenkhon (fnu) was referred to as the commanding officer in the concentration camp. However, source was not sure whether Gruenkhon was his correct name. Colonel Skomara

(fnu) was identified as the administrative officer in the Panzer Schule. Captain Vasilenkov (fnu) was in charge of maintenance and German personnel in the concentration camp.

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5. Up to the middle of December, building No 13 on Dianastrasse at the Oranienburg concentration camp was occupied by the commanding officer of the tank unit having an upright rhomb as its tactical symbol; and building No 11, by the unit's administrative officer, Lieutenant Colonel Zemyanov (sic), who had truck [redacted] at his disposal. The orderly rooms of the tank unit concerned were located in building No 116 on Bernauerallee. The unit's deputy commander was Lieutenant Colonel Kurkhnikov (fnu). In addition to the tank unit with the upright rhomb, there were two other tank units billeted in the buildings between Dianastrasse and Bernauerallee. The orderly room of the second unit, whose administrative officer was Lieutenant Colonel Chuck (fnu), was in building No 103; and that of the third unit, whose administrative officer was Lieutenant Colonel Lichenikov (fnu).

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6. Source overheard soldiers saying that the old concentration camp north of Dianastrasse quartered three tank units, and that Lieutenant Colonel Skaruppa (fnu) was the administrative officer of one of these units. The brick wall separating the billeting area from the tank training area had been torn down in six places and gates erected. (3)

7. Major Zalagin (fnu), apparently administrative officer in the Oranienburg Castle, left the post on 22 November, allegedly for a 10 day indoctrination course in Cottbus. The major previously told source that the unit quartered in the castle had been in the Zehdenick-Vogelsang area throughout the summer. (2)

8. Lieutenant Colonel Doshkov (fnu), commanding officer of a 76.2-mm AT artillery regiment in the restricted Weissstadt area, told source that his supply officer, Captain Kovalenko (fnu), went to Cottbus on 21 November to attend a 10 day indoctrination course. Captain Dorikov (fnu) was acting supply officer during this period. Major Yakushin (fnu), supply officer of the 100-mm AT artillery regiment, left for the U.S.S.R. on 23 November for reassignment. His successor had not been determined. Source also learned that Lieutenant Colonel Knochkov's deputy was Major Zakharov (fnu). (1)

9. In late November, source learned that the chief of the Oberwalde Koch office had been elevated from the rank of major (Tech) to lieutenant colonel. The military telephone exchange near kilometer mark No 15 on

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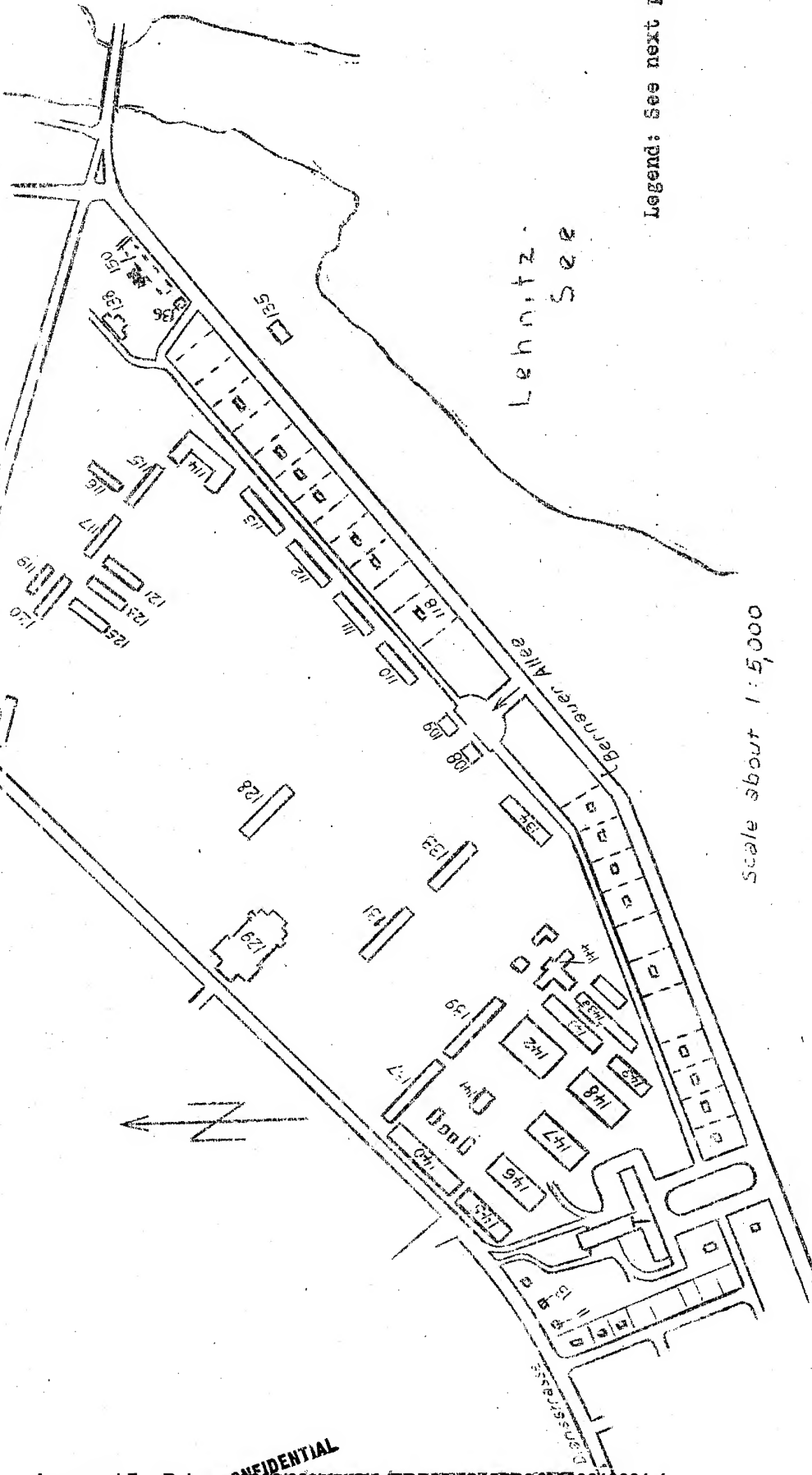
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Pantherschule at Cranienburg



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Annex 1 to Legend:

11, 13 officers' billets  
 108 headquarters building  
 109 guard and administration building  
 110-112 garages, with 15 bays each, for tanks and trucks  
 113 repair shop  
 114 clubhouse for officers and EM  
 115-117 supply buildings  
 118 headquarters building  
 119-120 supply buildings  
 121, 123, 125 EM quarters  
 127 boiler house  
 128 semi-underground gasoline and oil storage bunker,  
 projecting 1.5 meters above the ground  
 129 kitchens and messhalls  
 131, 133 EM quarters  
 134 headquarters and administration building  
 135 so-called Waldhaus, an officers' mess  
 136 guardhouse  
 137, 139, 140 tank repair shops  
 138 undetermined building  
 141 underground fuel storage bunker  
 142 tank garage  
 143, 143a workshop supply buildings  
 144 clubhouse  
 145-146 undetermined buildings  
 147-149 tank garages  
 150 target range under construction  
 T headquarters building

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